

year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation, after consulting the Secretary of Defense, shall transmit a report to the Committees on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Appropriations, and Finance of the Senate and the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Appropriations, and Ways and Means of the House of Representatives.

(b) CONTENTS.—The Secretary shall include in the report to Congress under subsection (a) a final report of findings and recommendations of the Commission under section 2(b), including any necessary changes to current law to carry out these recommendations in the form of proposed legislation.

#### SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

### A TRIBUTE TO KIM CHI TRIEU

#### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2000*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the achievements of Kim Chi Trieu, Program Manager for the Social Services Agency of Santa Clara County. Ms. Trieu is retiring after 16 years of dedicated service to the people of Santa Clara County.

Kim Chi Trieu arrived in the United States in 1983 as a Vietnamese refugee with two of her young children and \$5 in her pocket. Within two weeks, she had found work at Catholic Charities as a job developer. In 1984, Ms. Trieu began her work with the Social Services Agency as a worker with the Targeted Assistance Unit. She helped to establish and put into operation the Central Intake Unit, which was the gateway for newly arrived refugees.

Kim Chi Trieu was promoted to Supervisor of the Refugee Unit in 1985. Her tireless work on behalf of the refugee community earned her the admiration and gratitude of Santa Clara County's many refugee populations: Vietnamese, Hmong, Mien, Cambodian and later, Ethiopian, Somali, Polish, Russian, Bosnian, Serbian, Iranian, and Afghan. In a short time, Ms. Trieu was asked to assume responsibility for the Santa Clara County Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Planning Unit.

With her belief in community partnership, Kim Chi Trieu invited participation from impacted communities in the ever-changing Refugee Services Delivery System. Universally respected as a tactful mediator, she was skilled at working cooperatively with other social service programs and government agencies to ensure all her clients received the benefits to which they were entitled.

In 1996, Kim Chi Trieu expanded her role to assist in the development of the county's Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) program, which has been cited by the Urban Institute as one of the top 10 performing programs in the Nation.

Kim Chi Trieu has been a role model and a leader in her community and in county government. She has been the anchor to freedom for her family, working two jobs to help resettle two dozen family members including her parents. She has not only lived the American dream herself—she has provided countless refugee families with the opportunity to achieve that dream.

I wish to thank Kim Chi Trieu for her compassionate and dedicated service to the County and wish her the best in her future endeavors. Her integrity, compassion, and strength will be sorely missed, but our lives are the richer for having known her.

#### AN AFFIDAVIT BY MICHAEL TERLECKY

#### HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2000*

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, today, I am submitting an affidavit by Michael Terlecky of Mahoning County for the RECORD. The affidavit, signed and sworn on the fourth of December, 2000, alleges, Federal Bureau of Investigation knowledge and participation in illegal gambling activities and other mob related activities.

Terlecky, as a Mahoning County Deputy Sheriff, worked exclusively with the Youngstown Police Department Special Investigations Unit (SIU) to raid and eliminate illegal gambling rings in the Mahoning Valley. He was removed from active duty in 1988 because of a physical disability.

The affidavit alleges gross misconduct on the part of FBI agents Robert Kroner and Larry Lynch. He points to the pressure that was placed upon any law enforcement officer who challenged the illegal activities of James Prato and Joey Naples. Prato and Naples, both local Mafia bosses, ran illegal gambling operations in Youngstown. Rival factions were hit hard by raids while the Prato/Naples operations were left alone. Terlecky alleges Agents Kroner and Lynch attempted to control his gambling raids so that there would be no interference with the Prato/Naples operations.

As the affidavit illustrates, Terlecky was manipulated and neutralized by the local FBI agents' efforts to protect the FBI's participation in illegal activities. Michael Terlecky was dangerous to the local FBI. He was also an unlucky man for having stumbled upon the connections of the Prato/Naples faction and the FBI. For this, he was later indicted and convicted for taking a bribe from another mob boss, Lenine Strollo.

In that trial, Terlecky's attorney was Stewart Mandel. Mandel was a former U.S. attorney within the Justice Department. Following the trial, Mandel became a business partner of mob boss Lenine Strollo for a company in Conneaut, OH. Think about it. Whose interest was Mandel representing, Michael Terlecky or his business partner and mob boss Lenine Strollo?

In subsequent hearings, Lenine Strollo admitted that he never paid Michael Terlecky bribe money. Furthermore, Mandel was indicted and convicted of income tax violations associated with Strollo.

It is clear that Michael Terlecky was innocent of the charges against him and that even his attorney had a conflicting interest in helping him. He was thrown to the wolves while the real perpetrators went unpunished. I will continue to investigate the FBI's knowledge of illegal mob related activities, including the activities of Agents Kroner and Lynch. Also, I have submitted a request to the President for a full pardon of Mr. Terlecky's conviction. His name deserves to be exonerated.

The Terlecky affidavit is being submitted today to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD as supporting documentation for my bill H.R. 4105, "The Fair Justice Act." This bill would create an agency to oversee the U.S. Department of Justice and prosecute those involved in any wrongdoing. Today, when something is amiss in the Justice Department, it investigates itself, much like the fox guarding the henhouse. An independent oversight agency would eliminate the conflict of interest that exists today when wrongdoing occurs in the Justice Department.

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF MAHONING:  
AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL S. TERLECKY

After having been duly sworn in accordance with law, I, Michael S. Terlecky, hereby depose and say:

#### SUMMARY

The statements made in this affidavit can be summarized as follows:

During a span of time before March 21, 1998 while I was an active Mahoning County deputy sheriff I obtained actual knowledge that certain Federal Bureau of Investigation agents illegally obtained, controlled, suppressed, manipulated, falsified and tainted evidence. Under the law they abused their authority within the United States Department of Justice when they concealed the illegal activities of organized crime, their motive being, unjust and unlawful enrichment.

These same agents, by means of the abuse of their Federal power, controlled and manipulated local police agencies to do their bidding. That bidding being, the elimination of any illegal competitive opposition for the gangsters with whom they had aligned themselves with.

These same Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, with deliberate indifference, risked the lives of officers of the law while they themselves were breaking the law. These same agents, with deliberate indifference of the trust, allowed me, an officer of the law to be falsely imprisoned so that I could not timely reveal the truth.

1. I am more than eighteen years of age and a resident of Mahoning County, Ohio.

2. I became a Mahoning County, Ohio deputy sheriff in 1977.

3. While I was on active duty as a Mahoning County Deputy Sheriff I exclusively worked with the Youngstown, Ohio Police Department's special investigations unit. One of my main duties was to investigate and arrest people for illegal gambling activity.

4. Because of a physical disability I was taken off active duty as a deputy sheriff on March 21, 1988.

#### TRAFICANT TAPES

5. During the trial *United States of America vs. James A. Traficant, Jr.* That took place during 1983 the United States Assistant Attorney submitted into evidence audio tape recordings. These audio tape recordings contained the voice of James A. Traficant, Jr. and the voices of Charlie and Orlie Carrabbia. These audio tape recordings were submitted into evidence in support of an attempt to have James A. Traficant, Jr. convicted and sent to prison. These audio tape recordings became known as the "Traficant tapes".

6. In the immediate above mentioned trial, Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent (FBI SA) Robert Kroner gave testimony as a prosecution witness. FBI SA Robert Kroner testified under oath that the "Traficant tapes" were found in a bread box in Joe Derosé's apartment in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I have personal knowledge that FBI SA Robert Kroner lied about the "Traficant tapes" being found in a bread box